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_ See claim 8.
- and 2 parsing
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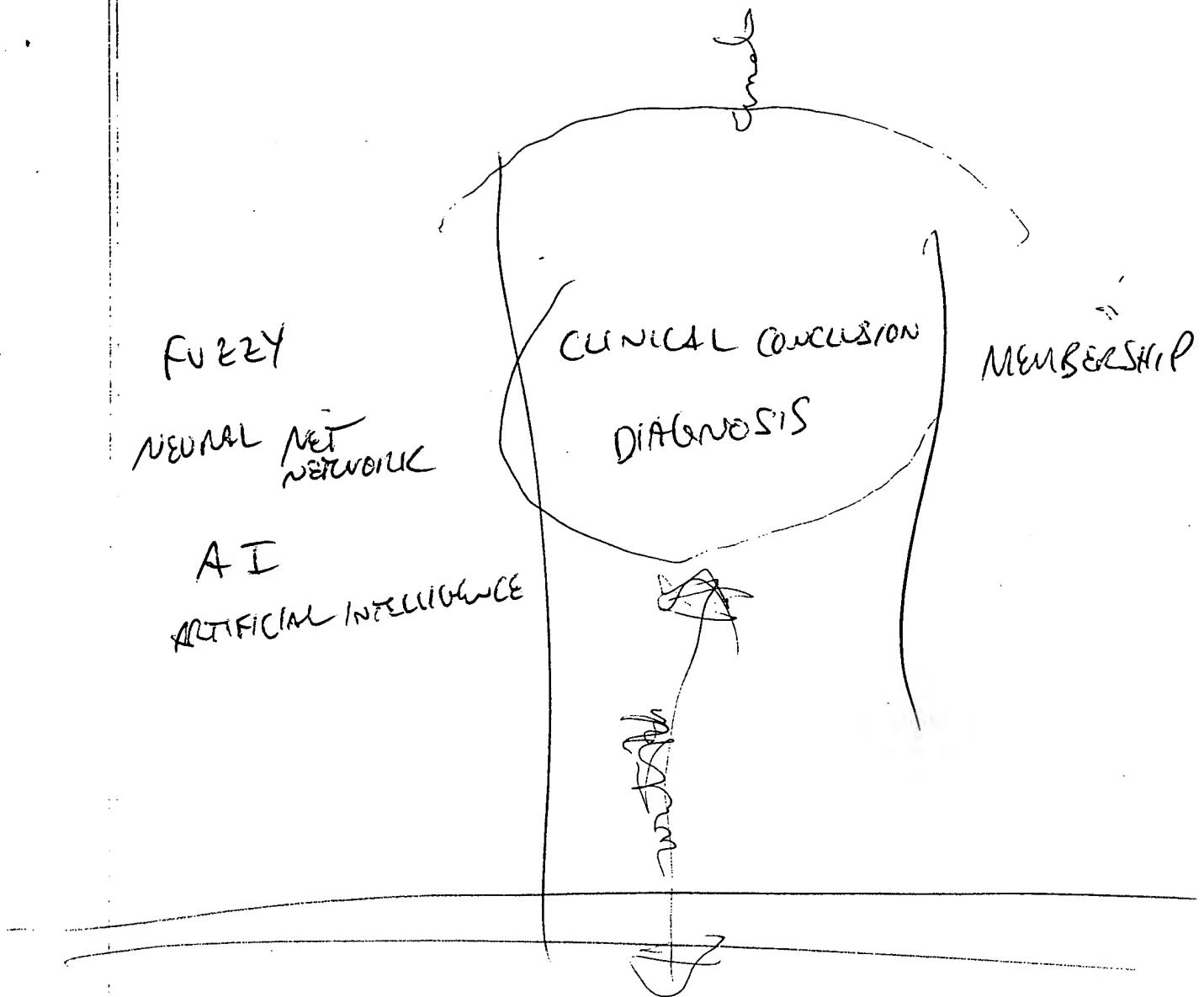   (journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

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FUZZY

NEURAL NET
NETWORK

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

CLINICAL CONCLUSION

DIAGNOSIS

MEMBERSHIP

FUZZY
NEURAL NET
AI

CONFIDENCE
CORRECT
CERTAINTY
ACCURACY

DECISION
RESULT

CONCLUSION
DIAGNOSIS

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Set      Items    Description
S1        1568    FUZZY OR NEURAL() (NET OR NETWORK)
S2      168547    CLINICAL()CONCLUSION OR DIAGNOS?
S3         985    CONFIDENCE(2N)LEVEL? ?
S4         468    S1 AND S2
S5           4    S4 AND S3
S6           4    RD (unique items)
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File 149:TGG Health&Wellness DB(SM) 1976-2005/Nov W2
         (c) 2005 The Gale Group
File 444:New England Journal of Med. 1985-2005/Nov W1
         (c) 2005 Mass. Med. Soc.
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02241060   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 106651719   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT
)
**Development and implementation of a problem-focused neurological assessment
   system.**
Lehman, Cheryl A.; Hayes, Joan M.; LaCroix, Michel; Owen, Steven V.; Nauta,
Haring J.W.
Journal of Neuroscience Nursing, 35, 4, 185(8)
August,
2003
PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed   ISSN: 0888-0395
LANGUAGE: English   RECORD TYPE: Fulltext   TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional
WORD COUNT: 4588   LINE COUNT: 00405

TEXT:
      ...a six-hospital teaching center about the quality of nursing
assessments for patients with neurological **diagnoses** were validated. This
system enables the physician to guide the nurse's assessment by ordering...
...   Southwestern United States voiced concern about the quality of
nursing assessments of patients with neurological **diagnoses** .
Specifically, they were concerned about a lack of early recognition of
subtle changes in neurological...

...the form were performed each time that neurological assessment was
performed, regardless of the neurological **diagnosis** . However, out of
1,285 potential assessments, 388, or more than 30%, were never documented
...

...physical location of neuroscience patients within the hospitals.
Patients with a primary neurological or neurosurgical **diagnosis** were
found on all medical-surgical nursing units, including ear, nose, and
throat; orthopedics; and...

...positive change in confidence scores from pre- to posttesting.
      This confidence survey revealed a lower **level** of pretest
confidence than the first confidence assessment nearly a year earlier. The
difference in scores is probably...

...give up the GCS. It is still being performed on many patients,
regardless of the **diagnosis** , relevance to the patient's condition, or
state of alertness. Residents have also been very...

...nurses to begin to think through a situation critically and to connect
the patient's **diagnoses** or symptoms to the tests ordered. Tests
frequently do not fit the **diagnosis** , such as "orientation" on an alert
young patient with a T-7 injury.
      Discussion
      Several...

...systems issue with off-service neuroscience patients, so patients with a
primary neurological or neurosurgical **diagnosis** could be assigned to any
medical-surgical specialty unit.
      Implementation of the Problem-Focused Neurological...

...the past 6 weeks. Her symptoms worsened a week ago, and she now reports
intermittent **fuzzy** vision. Sara was admitted to the hospital after a
magnetic resonance imaging scan revealed a...

...   the minimum nursing data set and which data elements are required
to capture different nursing **diagnostic** and/or classification systems,
interventions and outcomes. The existence of apparent synonyms and even
antonyms...

...indicants of a phenomenon.
     Another difficulty that arises in measuring nursing phenomena lies in
the **fuzzy** nature of the phenomena. The property of fuzziness of an entity
is the result of...

...know what or how data and information are used by clinicians in
measuring complex and **fuzzy** nursing phenomena.
     Knowledge development in the area of nursing data was led by Werley
(1987...

...in the development of a language and a taxonomy, and therefore data
elements, representing nursing **diagnosis** -based interventions. Still other
work in the identification of data element sets representing theoretical
frameworks ...with laws and relationships that connect the elements of
nursing data. What differs is the **level** of **confidence** possible about   → SEE ATTACHED
the accuracy of the rules.   FULLTEXT
     Knowledge has the attributes of accuracy, utility (relevance...rules
(Negoita, 1985). In the health field, expert system technology processes
knowledge into decisions about **diagnosis** and management of clinical
problems. Similarly, new discoveries are being made by computer programs
that...

...tools. Iliad(TM) manages expert medical and nursing knowledge and
processes it into suggestions about **diagnosis** and management. ARKS(C)
manages research knowledge about relationships between variables studied
together and processes...

...L., Gonzales, E., & Caswell, D. (1988). Reliability and validity of an
assessment guide for nursing **diagnosis** . Australian Journal of Advanced
Nursing, 5, 16-22.
     Corcoran, S.M. (1986). ...systems. New York: Springer-Verlag (pp.
3-9).
     Negoita, C.V. (1985). Expert systems and **fuzzy** systems. Menlo Park,
CA: The Benjamin-Cummins Publishing Co.
     Ozbolt, J.G. (1986). A prototype...

...Haug, P., Bouhaddou, O., & Lincoln, M. (1988). ILIAD as an expert
consultant to teach differential **diagnosis** . In R.A. Greenes (Ed.),
Symposium on computer applications in medical care (pp. 371-376...

...K.J. Hannah & M. Reimer (Eds.), Clinical judgment and decision making:
The future with nursing **diagnosis** (pp.540-555). New York: John Wiley &
Sons.
    Zadek, L.A. (1978). A **fuzzy** algorithmic approach to the definition
of complex or imprecise concepts. International Journal of Man-Machine...

6/3,K/3   (Item 3 from file: 149)

01605910   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 17544476   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Introduction to neural networks.(Neural Networks)
Cross, Simon S.; Harrison, Robert F.; Kennedy, R. Lee
The Lancet, v346, n8982, p1075(5)
Oct 21,
1995
PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal   ISSN: 0099-5355 LANGUAGE: English
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional
WORD COUNT: 4407   LINE COUNT: 00353

ABSTRACT: Neural networks are becoming a promising new **diagnostic** tool
in the area of decision support. Ideally such networks are set up to
enhance...

TEXT:
    ...items of data from past experience of seeing patients, collecting
data from them, making a **diagnostic** prediction, and then comparing this
with the actual outcome. A physician attending a patient presenting...
    Experienced physicians are more likely to make correct **diagnoses**
than newcomers just because they have had more experience and have learned
from it. There...

...cases which is not affected by turnover of staff. The decision-making
engine in such **diagnostic** suport aids can be any form of statistical or
rule-based system that provides the...

...1c). When multiple items of data for each case produce clusters of cases
with the **diagnosis** within a "background" of cases (figure 1d) without the
diagnosis it is very difficult to separate the two populations by
multivariate discriminant analysis.
    In cases...

...way a large set of data with known outcome is used to train an
artificial **neural network** , and another series of data from patients
with known outcome must be applied to the...

...software emulation on a microcomputer) to assess its performance (figure
2).
    What is an artificial **neural network** ?
    An artificial network consists of a set of processing units (nodes)
which simulate neurons and...

...threshold is exceeded the node fires, otherwise it remains quiescent.[3]
Computational power in a **neural network** derives not from the complexity
of each processing unit (as in a conventional computer) but...

...density and complexity of the interconnections. In further contrast with
conventional computers, memory in a **neural network** is distributed

throughout its structure (in the weights) and is modified by experience. Conventional computers...

...sometimes in parallel, on one or more very complex central processing units. Structurally, an artificial **neural network** is more like a natural (biological) **neural network** , such as the human brain, and biological networks function well in pattern recognition and discrimination ...

...linear discriminant analysis, we can calculate the size of sample needed to achieve a given **level** of **confidence** in subsequent performance. However, neural networks are non-linear and no such calculation is yet...

...The choice of threshold beyond which the current patient the clinician is faced with is **diagnosed** positive and below which negative can be assisted by the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve...

...the system, [5] and clinicians will have come across these before in journal articles on **diagnostic** and screening tests.
       When does training stop? This is not straightforward for many network structures...

...obtained. However, feed forward networks may have significant advantages over conventional statistical methods when making **diagnostic** or prognostic predictions. The multilayer Perceptron, when acting as a one-from-many classifier - eg, picking on a **diagnosis** from several possibilities - estimates ...data or even some errors in the input data may not lead to an incorrect **diagnosis** in well-trained networks because they have some properties of generalisation and fault tolerance. [4...

...there is overfitting poor quality data can lead to error. Once trained, a feed forward **neural network** is easily implemented via a bench-top computer system which functions in real-time.
       Supervised...

...learns an association between one type of data and another (eg, between symptoms and differential **diagnoses**). When the network is supervised during training a class label is provided every time a...

...but that is expensive and time-consuming, and you would have to call in a **neural network** engineer.
       To enable a **neural network** to continue to learn in situ, without the need for an engineer, requires the introduction...

...input is it deemed to be a member of the class (ie, to have the **diagnosis**). The state of knowledge about the class is thus updated (learning). If the match is...

...described above while [ART.sub.b] simply encodes the output categories, corresponding to the different **diagnoses** , as a one-from-many code. The "map field" sets up pointers between the clusters formed at [ART.sub.a] and the **diagnoses** at [ART.sub.b]. The "vigilance" parameter ([p.sub.a]) defines the closeness with which...commercial software packages are available (Neurobank, Brainmaker, Matlab) which implement all the common types of **neural network** and are user-friendly, allowing the non-specialist user access to them. The basic requirement...

...yet known - set of training and testing data which includes verified outcomes. In this the **neural network** development process does not differ from that of any other data-derived decision aid or...

...before a network's predictive performance in a clinical setting can be judged.

In the **diagnostic** arena neural networks will probably be seen as components of larger systems which make use...

...use.

These tools will only be used if they meet a clinical need, and early **diagnosis** in patients with chest pain/suspected acute myocardial infarction is a good area in which...

...JH. ARTMAP: supervised realtime learning and classification of non-stationary data by a self-organizing **neural network** . Neural Networks 1991; 4: 565-88. [14] Carpenter GA, Tan A. Rule extraction, **fuzzy** ARTMAP, and medical databases. In: Proceedings of World Congress on Neural Networks 1993; vol I...

...DESCRIPTORS: **Diagnostic** use

6/3,K/4   (Item 4 from file: 149)
DIALOG(R)File 149:TGG Health&Wellness DB(SM)
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01376177   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 13501742   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Analysis of underwriting factors for AAPCC. (adjusted average per capita cost)
Manton, Kenneth G.; Stallard, Eric
Health Care Financing Review, v14, n1, p117(16)
Fall,
1992
PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal   ISSN: 0195-8631 LANGUAGE: English
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional
WORD COUNT: 10707   LINE COUNT: 00865

...   Prior service use (e.g., Beebe, Lubitz, and Eggers, 1985), disability status, and, most recently, **diagnostic** cost groups (DCG) have been considered as additional underwriting factors (Epstein and Cumella, 1988; Ash...loadings (i.e., the amount of additional premium necessary to compensate for losses) at these **levels** of **confidence** . For example, the average total payment is $1,853.64 (i.e., 12 x $104...enroll a population that was strongly biased toward being healthy. This is because persons with **diagnosed** ailments, and with established relations with caregivers, are unlikely to drop their current providers to...system (Cummins et al., 1983) where continuous variation in risk is represented.

The use of " **fuzzy** sets" to conduct risk scoring, an area of current research by the Society of Actuaries...K.G., Stallard, E., and Woodbury, M.A.: A Multivariate Event History Model Based Upon **Fuzzy** States: Estimation From Longitudinal Surveys With Informative Nonresponse. Journal of Official Statistics (Stockholm, Sweden) 7...
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Set      Items    Description
S1       82666    FUZZY OR NEURAL()(NET OR NETWORK)
S2     1381370    CLINICAL()CONCLUSION OR DIAGNOS?
S3     3064216    CONFIDENCE OR CERTAINTY OR ACCURACY
S4        1215    S1 AND S2 AND S3
S5         590    S4 AND MEDIC???
S6        1114    S1(S)S2
S7           1    S6(S)(CONFIDENCE(2N)LEVEL? ?)
S8           9    S6 AND (CONFIDENCE(2N)LEVEL? ?)
S9           9    RD (unique items)
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File    9:Business & Industry(R)  Jul/1994-2005/Nov 21
        (c) 2005  The Gale Group
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        (c) 2005 McGraw-Hill Co. Inc
File  634:San Jose Mercury  Jun 1985-2005/Nov 20
        (c) 2005 San Jose Mercury News
File  810:Business Wire 1986-1999/Feb 28
        (c) 1999 Business Wire
File  813:PR Newswire 1987-1999/Apr 30
        (c) 1999 PR Newswire Association Inc
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9/3,K/1   (Item 1 from file: 15)
DIALOG(R)File   15:ABI/Inform(R)

02858975 715533091
The rough set theory and applications
Wu, Chengdong; Yue, Yong; Li, Mengxin; Adjei, Osei
Engineering Computations v21n5/6 PP: 488-511 2004
ISSN: 0264-4401 JRNL CODE: NGCP
WORD COUNT: 11358

...TEXT: attribute from a condition part gives a rule covering also
negative objects. The coefficient of **confidence level** describes the
rule extent and the consistent number of all examples covered by the rule
...

...decision support systems in medicine and proposed two methods. One
method combines neural networks and **fuzzy** set to build a neuro- **fuzzy**
classifier that can be trained with purely numerical data, qualitative,
linguistic and **fuzzy** data that describe the decision process. The other
method considers all positive aspects of rule...

...of surgical and non-surgical cases in the veterinary domain of equine
colic and the **diagnosing** of benign and malign types of breast cancer.
Their work compared several aspects of performance...for prognostic
modelling of disease states for medical applications based on the rough set
and **fuzzy** logic algorithms. The rough set is used to extract rules from a
database. The data are reformatted into a **fuzzy** logic template and a
learning algorithm is used to adjust **fuzzy** set membership functions. The
method is applied to evaluating risk factors associated with progression of
coronary artery disease. The proposed rough- **fuzzy** set method predicts
progression of atherosclerotic disease with a correct rate of 69 per cent
of the patients, which is statistically better than the **neural   network** ,
rough set and logistic models performed. Yahia et al. (2000) presented a
hybrid expert system...

...is constructed. The performance of the proposed system is evaluated
through the application of medical **diagnosis** using a real example of
hepatitis disease. The experimental results show that the system has...

9/3,K/2   (Item 2 from file: 15)
DIALOG(R)File   15:ABI/Inform(R)

02771378 618960331
**FINANCIAL INNOVATION AND DIVISIA MONEY IN TAIWAN: COMPARATIVE EVIDENCE FROM
NEURAL NETWORK AND VECTOR ERROR-CORRECTION FORECASTING MODELS**
Binner, Jane M; Gazely, Alicia M; Chen, Shu-Heng; Chie, Bin-Tzong
Contemporary Economic Policy v22n2 PP: 213-224 Apr 2004
ISSN: 1074-3529 JRNL CODE: CPI
WORD COUNT: 6670

...TEXT: models were constructed for each of the four systems and
parameters insignificant at the 5% **level** of **confidence** were deleted
from the model to obtain a more parsimonious specification, thereby
reducing the standard...

...presented here for reasons of brevity but are available from the authors
on request. Both **neural   network** and VECM model performances are

compared to that of a simple random walk model.

V...

9/3,K/3   (Item 3 from file: 15)

00790823 94-40215
Analysis of machine degradation using a neural network based pattern discrimination model
Lee, Jay; Kramer, Bruce M
Journal of Manufacturing Systems   v12n5   PP: 379-387   1993
ISSN: 0278-6125   JRNL CODE: JMY
WORD COUNT: 3847

...TEXT: estimated tool wear using neural networks. Uhrig and Guo(22) have
used the back propagation **neural   network** to identify transient
operating conditions in nuclear power plants. Franklin, Sutton, and
Anderson(11) from GTE have used ADALINE and NADALINE, a one-layer **neural
network** , to monitor fluorescent bulb manufacturing. Ford Motor Co. has
developed automotive control system **diagnostics** using neural networks for
rapid pattern classification of large data sets.(10) The data for...

...back propagation classification algorithm was used for fault
recognition. However, real-time fault detection and **diagnostics** have not
been implemented due to the limitation of the real-time data acquisition
and learning.
Netrologic, Inc. has also developed a **neural   network** -based fault
detection and **diagnostics** tool for NASA. A feed-forward **neural   network**
 was used to recognize the signature of a valve in the ATLAS rocket (which
contains...

...types of valves during a valve-closed state change (falling current).
The use of a **neural   network** in monitoring machine degradation was first
proposed by Lee and Kramer.(23) A CMAC **neural   network** based reasoning
tool was developed to analyze the consistence of the machine behavior based
on...machine tool manufacturers to predict the positioning behavior of
various moving elements to a stated **confidence   level** and provides the
customer with an assurance of the machine's performance. Typically, poor
position...System, NASA SBIR NAS9-17995, July 1990.

10. K. Marko, "Automotive Control System Diagnostics Using **Neural
Network** for Rapid Pattern Classification of Large Data Sets," Proceeding
of International **Neural   Net** Society Meeting, Washington, DC, June 1989,
pp. 13-16.

11. J.A. Franklin, R.S...

...Kiech, and M. Ali, "Jet and Rocket Engine Fault Diagnosis in Real Time,"
Journal of **Neural   Network** Computing, Summer 1989, pp. 5-19.

21. F. Stevenson and D. Greenwood, Tool Wear Estimation...

9/3,K/4   (Item 1 from file: 148)

08279450   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 17544476   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Introduction to neural networks.(Neural Networks)
Cross, Simon S.; Harrison, Robert F.; Kennedy, R. Lee
Lancet, v346, n8982, p1075(5)
Oct 21, 1995
ISSN: 0099-5355   LANGUAGE: English   RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract
WORD COUNT: 4429   LINE COUNT: 00355

...   linear discriminant analysis, we can calculate the size of sample
needed to achieve a given **level** of **confidence** in subsequent
performance. However, neural networks are non-linear and no such
calculation is yet...there is overfitting poor quality data can lead to
error. Once trained, a feed forward **neural   network** is easily
implemented via a bench-top computer system which functions in real-time.
    Supervised...

...input is it deemed to be a member of the class (ie, to have the
diagnosis). The state of knowledge about the class is thus updated
(learning). If the match is...

9/3,K/5   (Item 2 from file: 148)
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06699046   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 14378729   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Practical neural networks aid spectroscopic analysis.
Lerner, Jeremy M.; Taiwei Lu
Photonics Spectra, v27, n8, p93(5)
August, 1993
ISSN: 0731-1230   LANGUAGE: ENGLISH   RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 1956   LINE COUNT: 00154

...   review two real-world applications for this technology -- remote
detection of toxic chemicals and early **diagnosis** of cancer.
    Neural-net background
    A true real-time neural net is a parallel processor...

...lo). Alternatively, the neuron could produce an 8-bit (or greater)
number indicating the probability (**confidence   level**) that such a
substance is present in the sample. Finally, the NN could be set...

9/3,K/6   (Item 1 from file: 275)
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01440725   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 10918086   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Getting caught in a neural network.
Keyes, Jessica
AI Expert, v6, n7, p44(6)
July, 1991
ISSN: 0888-3785   LANGUAGE: ENGLISH   RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 3405   LINE COUNT: 00265

...   output. The commercial-loan system outputs a number from zero to
nine, which reflects the **confidence   level** the bank has in the company
being able to repay its loan.
    INSPECTING FOR FAULTS...s experience to learn what we know." And all
it seems to take is a **neural   net** to codify it.

Jessica Keyes is president of New Art/Techinsider, a technology
solutions firm...

 9/3,K/7   (Item 2 from file: 275)
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01371544   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 08813036   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Object-oriented shells. (tutorial)
Knaus, Rodger
AI Expert, v5, n9, p19(4)
Sept, 1990
DOCUMENT TYPE: tutorial   ISSN: 0888-3785   LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 1546   LINE COUNT: 00123

...   of the statement-if its truth is known, the statement is true or
false, its **confidence   level** , and if the statement is askable or
observable-is represented by information in the object...

...rule-based system.
      We could also use information learned through reasoning as inputs to
a **neural - net** procedure. For example, suppose the rule based expert
system renders a **diagnosis** . We could train a **neural   net** to predict
the patient's prognosis; the inputs would be information from the medical
charts...

 9/3,K/8   (Item 3 from file: 275)
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01358602   SUPPLIER NUMBER: 08463262   (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Expert systems explained.
Steinhart, Jim
Canadian Datasystems, v22, n4, p30(3)
April, 1990
ISSN: 0008-3364   LANGUAGE: ENGLISH   RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 2035   LINE COUNT: 00159

...   seeks important facts to reach the goal. Most also offer forward
chaining used to solve **diagnoses** or **fuzzy** -goal type problems. Forward
chaining is used to take inferences about known facts as far...

...answers. They can allow users to state the probability that an answer is
correct (a **confidence   level**). Using mathematical formulae, the shells
decide and act on the probability that IF-THEN rules...

 9/3,K/9   (Item 1 from file: 20)
DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter
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43744615 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
What's Your BI Environment IQ?
Michael L. Gonzales
DM REVIEW
August 01, 2005
JOURNAL CODE: TDMR   LANGUAGE: English   RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 2377

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

...   the decision-making process to computers.
By combining conventional control systems and machine intelligent
components (**fuzzy** logic, neural networks, genetic algorithms and expert
systems),   we can achieve higher degrees of performance in reactor
operations such as reactor startup, shutdown in emergency situations, fault
detection and **diagnosis** , nuclear reactor alarm processing and **diagnosis**
. With the advancement of new technologies and computing power, it is
feasible to automate most...but the process is slowed considerably and the
solution is often chosen with a low **level** of **confidence** .
There exists plenty of room for your BI environment to improve the
performance of decision...
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...TEXT: models were constructed for each of the four systems and
parameters insignificant at the 5% **level** of **confidence** were deleted
from the model to obtain a more parsimonious specification, thereby
reducing the standard...

...presented here for reasons of brevity but are available from the authors
on request. Both **neural** **network** and VECM model performances are
compared to that of a simple random walk model.

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Object-oriented shells. (tutorial)
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ABSTRACT: Object-oriented programming allows logical deduction with
non-logical methods such as neural networks. Logical statements, connectors
and neurons can be represented by objects and manipulated independent of
their nature. Neural networks can be used to determine a result, and the
result can be converted to a form usable by the expert system.
Object-oriented programs follow the same format as non-object programs, but
information is stored in statement objects rather than direct storage. In
PROLOG, rule and statement objects are put in frame data structures and
implemented as facts with one argument. Statement objects allow different
inference algorithms to be integrated into a single shell and improve
problem-solving control outside the inference engine.
TEXT:
     Sometimes you may want to combine lo cal deduction, the staple of
rule-based expert systems, with neural nets and other nonlogical inference
methods. This task isn't easy from an implementation standpoint because the
knowledge representations used by neural nets and expert systems are
completely different.
     However, object-oriented programming provides a knowledge
representation that can bridge the symbolic and neural representations. The
basic idea is pretty simple: use objects to represent neurons, connections
and logical statements. In such an object implementation, inference,
whether logical or neural, is represented by state changes in objects. This
month we'll perform logical deduction-in particular, a wards chaining
inference engine in an object-oriented way. You can use the same techniques
to recast a neural net in object form.
     Before we plunge into the programming details, let's see how we could
use an object-oriented inference engine if we had one. Human experts, like
the mechanic listening to an engine or a doctor examining a patient, look,
listen and feel for important clues to a problem. Then they reason about
what they observe and perhaps make additional observations rom ted by this
reasoning. If we wanted to imitate this process on a computer we could use
a rule-based expert system for the reasoning and neural nets for the
observations. Each of these technologies is much more limited than the
comparable human capability.
     We'll assume that each statement the expert system reasons about is
represented by a statement object. We'll also assume that the status of the
statement-if its truth is known, the statement is true or false, its
confidence   level , and if the statement is askable or observable-is
represented by information in the object representing the statement.
     For statements whose truth is known from an observation simulated by
a neural net, we'll assume that the activation of some output neuron of a
neural net indicates whether the net tells us the statement has been
observed. For example, a doctor may observe the general energy level of a
patient. For simplicity, we'll assume three energy levels: lethargic,
normal or agitated. While the doctor perceives this energy level without
conscious reasoning, a neural net could probably be trained to make a
judgment (given a large enough set of highly specific inputs), such as
whether the patient fidgets or turns to look at the doctor.

We'll assume our neural net has three output neurons, one for each activity level. When the specific inputs for a patient are fed in, the resulting activation level of each output neuron represents whether that energy level was observed. An activation near one for lethargic, for instance, would tell us that the neural net compute that the patient was lethargic.

Suppose the neural ne this activation for the "Patient is lethargic" neuron in the object representing the "Patient is lethargic" statement. We can translate the neuron activation into information that the symbolic expert system can recognize. For example, if the neuron activation is near its maximum value (near one in many nets) we might set the truth-value slot of the Patient is lethargic object to true. The fact that the patient is lethargic is now an input available to the rule-based system.

We could also use information learned through reasoning as inputs to a **neural - net** procedure. For example, suppose the rule based expert system renders a **diagnosis** . We could train a **neural net** to predict the patient's prognosis; the inputs would be information from the medical charts of similar previous cases. The actual recovery status of these patients are the desired outputs used to train the net. After the net is trained, we could run our current patient's chart through the prognosis network and read the new patient's prognosis from the output activations of the net.

A SIMPLE SHELL

We'll start with a simple nonobject shell. The top level of the inference engine is:

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solve:
-      find_goal(GOAL),
       try(GOAL).
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This code says that all an inference engine does is look for problem-solving goals and try to execute them. In converting to objects, the important procedure is try, which finds solutions to goals. try implements a sequence of problem-solving strategies-.

* Use an already-known solution

* Give up if you've already failed to solve the goal

* Ask the user. Give up if the user's answer isn't in the acceptable range; otherwise, use it n Apply Boolean rules for and and or n Try using a rule whose conclusion is the current goal.

A shell's particular order and selection of strategies doesn't change by making the shell object-oriented.

Listing I shows the implementation of try when information about the status of the solution is kept in the program's internal database. Notice, for example, that the first four rules look for status information in the database, while rules 3 and 7 put status information there.

CONVERTING TO OBJECTS

Listing 2 shows some of the same computations using objects. Because the status information (for example, whether a goal has been tried) is now a part of statement objects rather than directly stored, the code becomes more complex. Notice, however, that the plan of the computation, shown in the comments, remains the same. Instead of looking for status information in the program's internal database, we find the relevant statement or rule object and look for the information in a slot. And instead of updating status information in the database, we update the statement objects.

OPERATING ON OBJECTS

Our object-oriented inference engine uses frames as the implementation data structure for rule and statement objects. We index all statements under the English text of the statement for fast retrieval. We also index rules under the text of the rule conclusion.

The frames are implemented as single-argument PROLOG facts. The functor of a frame fact is the class to which the frame belongs; for example, statementor rule. The single argument of the frame is the list of its slots and values.

As an example frame computation, the following program get slot value) gets the value of a particular slot in a frame:

```
% get the slot list
% out of the frame
frame_op($get slot value$,
    FRAME,SLOT,VALUE):
-   FRAME =..[_SLOT_LIST],
    !,
    frame_op($get slot value$,
    SLOT_LIST,SLOT,VALUE).
% get the value if it's next
% in the slot list
    frame_op($get slot value$,
    [SLOT:VALUE
_],
    SLOT, VALUE):-!.
% otherwise search the rest of
% the slot list
frame_op($get slot value$,
    [_
REST),
    SLOT, VALUE):
-   !,
    frame_op($get slot value$,
            REST,
            SLOT,
            VALUE).
```

The most basic and powerful operation on frames is frame unification, a generalization of the usual unification on terms to structures that permit a variable rather than fixed slot structure. Here are the specifications for frame unification; it's implemented by code similar to but more complex than get slot value:

* Unify two frames if their types are compatible and their slot lists unify

* Frame types will unify if they're identical or if at least one frame is untyped. If you are implementing inheritance, frames unify if one frame is a subtype of the other

* Slot lists unify if corresponding slot values unify a Slot values unify if the slot appears in both frames and the two values unify

* Slot values unify if the slot appears in only one frame. The value of the slot in the other frame is then assumed to be an uninstantiated variable.

More details about implementing frames and objects in PROLOG appear in the suggested reading. The source code for the object-oriented shell and the frame library appear on the AI EXPERT and Instant Recall Bulletin Board Systems. WHY USE OBJECTS? We've already discussed how statement objects can help us integrate different inference algorithms into a single shell. In addition, using objects makes it easier to control problem-solving from outside the inference engine.

For example, we can implement a what-if facility by adding a world slot to statement objects. Statements that are true in the real world have a real value in this slot, while statements that are true in the what-if world have an imaginary value in this slot. We can also modify the shell to keep track of the current world it is in and use only statements that belong to that world.

Here's what happens when the user does a what-if consultation using the modified shell:

1. Erase old imaginary statements
2. Copy each real statement into a corresponding imaginary statement
3. Change the world from real to imaginary
4. Let the user change the values of known statements in the

imaginary world

5. Run the shell in the imaginary world, reporting conclusions in the usual way-along with a notice that they answer a what-if question

6. When the user ends the what-if consultation,

6a. Purge all of the imaginary statements

6b. Change the world back to real.

We could do all these steps without statement objects, but with them it's a lot easier because all the information that describes the state of a solution is packaged for easy retrieval and modification in the statement objects.

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